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OF SOME LATE

CONVERSATIONS

BETWEEN THE

Reverend Mr. W E S L E Y,

And Others.

L O N D O N :

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Q. 1. **W**HAT preachers are admitted this year?

A. Richard Bourke, Benjamin Rhodes, John Allen, Alexander M^c Nab, Lancelot Harrison, Tho. Dancer.

Q. 2. Who remain on trial?

A. Will. Fugill, Tho. Halliday and John Smith.

Q. 3. Ought not all those who are admitted, to be present at the Conference?

A. By all means. Let it be so for the time to come. And let them be examined one by one, as in the last year's conference.

Q. 4. Who are admitted on trial?

A. T. Jones; F. Ashbury, Jo. Peacock, Jo. Whittam; Tho. Cherry, Will. Hunter, Will. Harry, Tho. Ryan, and Will. Collins.

Q. 5. What preachers desist from travelling?

A. John Morley, James Stephens, Simon Day, Will. Whitwell, and James Kershaw.

Q. 6. Who act as assistants this year?

A. Benj. Colley; John Easton, Duncan Wright, W. Minethorp, James Glasbrook, Alex. Mather, John Murlin, John Furz, Sam. Woodcock, Sam. Levick, Tho. Hanby, Tho. Taylor, J. Pawson, Tho. Johnson, Isa. Brown, T. Mitchell, T. Rankin, John Oliver, Daniel Bumsted, T. Brisco, Rob. Costerdine, Richard Boardman, T. Lee, Jacob Rowell, James Oddie, Geo. Hudson, W. Thompson, John Helton, James Deaves, Richard Bourke.

Q. 7. How are the preachers stationed?

A. London, Will. Buckingham, Benj. Colley, Peter Jaco, Nich. Manners, Tho. Jones.

1 Suffex. John Easton, John Allen.

2 Canterbury Duncan Wright, Alex. M^c Nab.

4 Colchester Tho. Hanson.

5 Norwich Will. Minethorp, Benj. Rhodes.

6 Bedfordsh. James Glasbrook, Fran. Ashbury

7 Oxfordshire Richard Henderson.

8 Wilts Alex. Mather, John Catermole.

William. Orpe, Jo. Haim.

9 Bristol. Jo. Murlin, Peter Price.

10 Devon. Jo Furz, James Cotty

- 11 Cornw. E. Sam. Woodcock, Jo. Magor, W. Barker.
- 12 W. Sam. Levick, Jo. Davis, Jos. Harper,
Tho. Carlill
- 13 Staffordsh. T. Hanby, Ro. Roberts, J. W.
- 14 Cheshire. Tho. Taylor, Mosley Cheek.
- 15 Lancashire Jo. Pawson, Jo. Whitehead
Jo. Poole, Will. Fugill.
- 16 Derbyshire T. Johnson, James Clough, Jo. Oldham.
- 17 Sheffield Isaac Brown, Jo. Shaw.
- 18 Lincoln. E. T. Mitchell. Jo. Standerling, Lancelot
Harrison.
- 19 W. T. Rankin, Jo. Ellis, Jo. Peacock.
- 20 Leeds Jo. Oliver, Parson Greenwood.
- 21 Birstal Dan. Bumsted, Jo. Nelson,
Tho. Brisco, Tho. Westall.
- 22, Haworth Rob. Costerdine, Jos. Guilford
John Whittam, Tho. Cherry.
- 23 York. Rich. Boardman, Jer. Robertshaw.
T. Newall, James Longbotham.
- 24 Yarm T. Lee, Jo. Heslop, Matt. Lowes
- 25 The Dales Jacob Rowell, Will. Brammah, Will.
Hunter.
- 26 Newcastle James Oddie, Jos. Cownly, Will. Ellis.
Will. Darney, Christo. Hopper, super.
- 27 Wales Geo. Hudson, Jos. Pilsmoor.
Will. Harry,
- 28 Glasgow } John Atlay.
- 29 Dunbar } Tho. Simpson, and Jos. Thompson.
Let Jo. Atlay and Jos. Thompson
change the first week in February.
- 30 Edinburgh Will. Thompson, Mark Davis.
This Circuit includes Leith, Dalkeith,
Linlithgow and Burrowstonefs. Each
preacher is to be a fortnight in the city
and in the country alternately.
- 31 Dundee } Richard Blackwell. } Change on Mi-
- 32 Aberdeen } James Brownfield } chaelmas-day,
Christmas-day, Lady-day and Midsum-
mer-day, on that day, let them meet at
Breachin.
- 33 Dublin } Jo. Helton, T. Oliver, (J. Johnson sup.)
- 34 Limerick } Jam. Deaves, Geo. Story. Let the
two former change with the latter, on
Feb. 1.

- 35 Waterford Ja. Rea.
 36 Cork } Richard Bourke } Change every 6th
 37 Bandon } Jo. Mason } Monday without fail.
 37 Castlebarr W. Penington, Rob. W. } Change
 38 Athlone Ro. Swindells, Ja. Dempster } Feb. 1
 39 Augher Jo Dillon, Jo. Murray, Bas. Thomas.
 Change every fourth Monday.
 40 Armagh Tho. Ryan, Jo. Smith.
 John Morgan, Tho. Halliday.

Q. 8. What number are in the Society at

London	2250	Sheffield	591
Suffex	176	Epworth	769
Kent	147	Grimsby	693
Colchester	145	Leeds	1120
Norwich	293	Bristol	1491
Bedford	208	Haworth	1366
Oxfordshire	142	York	1000
Wilts	840	Yarm	825
Bristol	1064	The Dales	833
Devon	413	Newcastle	1837
Cornwall East	558	Glasgow	64
West	1602	Dunbar	40
Staffordshire	906	Edinburgh	150
Cheshire	525	Dundee	40
Lancashire	1875	Aberdeen	174
Derbyshire	741	Wales	232
Ireland	2801	In all	25911

Q. 9. What is the Kingswood Collection ?

A. An hundred, twenty one pounds, nine shillings.

Q. 10. This will by no means answer the demand, What can be done to procure a sufficient supply ?

A. 1. Let every preacher seriously consider the urgency of the case.

2. Let the Midsummer collection be made in every place, great and small.

3. Let a subscription be set on foot at Dublin, Newcastle, Leeds, Manchester and Liverpool.

Q. 11. What is the yearly subscription ?

A. Eight hundred, four pounds, fourteen shillings, and eight pence half penny.

Q. 12. What part of this was paid for law ?

A. One hundred and thirty four pounds one shilling.

Q. 13. What, to supply the necessities of the preachers ?

A. One hundred and forty eight pounds.

Q. What is reserved for contingent expences ?

A. Thirty pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence halfpenny.

Q. 15. What remained to be divided ?

A. Four hundred and ninety one pounds, nineteen shillings and eleven pence.

Q. 16. How many places petition for help ?

A. About seventy.

Q. 17. What can be done to enlarge this collection ?

A. 1. Let every assistant begin the subscription at Christmas, and begin the collection at Easter.

2. Let him lay the whole case before the people, and urge them to do all they can.

Q. 18. Can we make a push toward paying the whole debt ?

A. I will state the case in writing to the most substantial men in our society.

Q. 19. What is received this year, for the preachers fund ?

A. Fifty-four pounds, fourteen shillings, and sixpence.

Q. 20. Need any rule be added, relative to this ?

A. Yes. Let none have any claim on this fund, till it amounts to five hundred pounds.

2. Let it never sink lower than this.

3. Let a preacher's widow receive yearly a sum, not exceeding ten pounds, during her widowhood.

4. No money shall be returned to an excluded preacher.

Q. 21. Who are the present stewards for the preachers fund ?

A. Jos. Cownley, and John Murlin.

Q. 22. Who are the present committee ?

A. Peter Jaco
Duncan Wright
Tho. Hanby
Rob. Roberts
Alex. Mather
Peter Price

Tho. Johnson
John Pawson
James Oddie
Mark Davis
Tho. Olivers
Will. Penington.

Q. 23. What is the safest way of leaving a legacy for the use of these funds ?

A. To leave it absolutely to a person they can confide in : Suppose to Mr. *Wesley*.

Q. 24. When and where may our next conference begin ?

A. At Bristol, the third Tuesday in August.

Q. 25. Are our preaching-houses settled in our form safe ? Should we not have the opinion of a council ?

A. I think not. 1. Because the form was drawn up by three eminent counsellors.

But 2. It is the way of every council, to blame what another council has done. But you cannot at all infer, that they *think* it wrong, because they *say* so.

3. If they did in reality *think it wrong*, that would not prove that it *was* so.

4. If there *was* (which I do not believe) some defect therein, who would go to law with the body of Methodists ?

5. And if they did, would any court in *England* put them out of *possession* ? Especially when the intent of the deed is plain and undeniable ?

Q. 26. The Wednesbury trustees are afraid, lest the Conference should impose on them one preacher for many years. May not this be guarded against ?

A. Yes. By inserting in the deed, *Provided that the same preacher shall not be sent, ordinarily above one, never above two years together.*

Q. 27. How may the books be spread more ?

A. Let every assistant give them away prudently ; and beg money of the rich to buy books for the poor.

Q. 28. How may our Preaching be more extensively useful ?

A. Wherever we have a large Preaching house, at one end of a great town, let us preach abroad at the other end of it, every Sunday Morning, at least, if it be fair. The want of Preaching abroad, and of preaching in new places, has greatly damped the Work of God.

Q. 29. What can be done, to revive the Work ?

A. 1. Let there be a General Fast in all our Societies, on Friday, Sept. 18.

2. Let there be such a fast once a quarter.

3. Let any assistant appoint an occasional fast in his circuit.

4. Let every preacher strongly insist upon practical religion and relative duties : but in such a manner, as to keep Christ continually in view.

5. Exhort the leaders of Bands to speak to those with them in the closest manner possible.

6. Encourage all, at the public meeting of the Bands, to speak with all openness and simplicity.

Q. 30. How may we put a stop to smuggling ?

A. 1. Speak tenderly and frequently of it in every Society near the coasts.

2. Carefully disperse the " Word to a Smuggler."

3. Expell all who will not leave it off.

4. Silence every Local Preacher that defends it.

Q. 31. How may we prevent bribery at the ensuing election for members of parliament ?

A. 2. Largely shew the wickedness of thus selling our country, in every society.

2. Do the same thing in private conversation.

3. Read every where the " Word to a Freeholder, and disperse it, as it were, with both hands.

But observe, a voter may suffer his expences to be borne, and not incur any blame.

Q. 32. By the absence of preachers during the conference, many places have sustained much loss. How may this be prevented ?

A. 1. Let not all the preachers in any circuit come to the conference.

2. Let those who do come, set out as late as possible.

3. Let them return as soon as possible :

4. Let none of those who are left in the circuit go out of it during the conference. This is the most improper time in the whole year.

Let us all be men of *one business*. We live only for this, To save our own souls and them that hear us.

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